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UNDP REPORT
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Human Development Report 2001 released worldwide, the UNDevelopment Programme has estimated that approximately half of the 2 lakh H-1B visas to be issued annually by the US over the nextthree years are likely to go to Indian software and computer professionals;

(b) if so, whether the UNDP report has also identified Bangalore as a top of global IT hub; and

(c) if so, the other main points mentioned in the Human Development Report, 2001?

Answer

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(a): No, Sir. UNDP has not released any estimates of H-1B visas to be issuedby United States over the next three years. However, the report mentions (page 38) that the United States, in 2000, approved legislation allowing 195,000 more working visas each year for skilled professionals. It also mentions in another context at page 5 that 100,000 Indian professionals a year are expected to take visas to United States.

(b): The reference to Bangalore in the report as one of the most dynamic global hubs is based on Wired rating it as 11th among the 46 hubs in the world.

(c): The entire `Human Development Report 2001` is available on the website of UNDP (http://www.undp.org).